and we are aslo following the same thing.

MR. CHARIMAN: Question No. 2. Yes, Mr. Dipen Ghosh.

Cadre Review in the DDA and CPWD

*2. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : will the minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission for three year. Cadre review has not been implemented in the Delhi Development Authority and the Central Public Works Department ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what are the promotional avenues for junior engineers in the DDA and CPWD ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) and (b) In the light of the recommendatios of the third Pay Commission, the Cadre Review of Group 'A' Engineering Services in the Central P. W. D. was taken up and has been finalised. The Cadre Review of Group 'B' Engineering Services and Group 'C' Cadre of Junior Engineers has also been taken up. The DDA, however, does not come under the purview of the Pay Commission's reccommendations.

(c) The following promotional facilities are available to the Junior Engineers :—

(1) (a) In relaxation of the Recruitment Rules all the posts in the next higher grade of Assistant Engineers are being filled up by promotion of Junior Engineers partly on seniority-cum-merit basis and partly through a Limited Departmental Competitive Examination. Thus, All the posts in the higher grade of Assistant Engineers have since 1972 been thrown open to the Junior Engineers for promotion.

(b) There is also a provisions for selection grade posts upto 15 percent of the total strength of the Junior Engineers.

(2) In case of DDA, 50 per cent of the posts in the Cadre of Assistant Engineers are filled up by promotionfrom the rank of Junior Engineers.

(3) The higher posts of Executive Engineers and Superintending Engineers are also open to these promoted Assistant Engineer subject to the fulfilment of the eligibility conditions as laid down in the rules.

MR.CHAIRMAN:A long answer may be put in the form of a statement.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : I am thankful to you that you have advised the Minister to give a long answer in statement form so that we get the opportunity to frame the supplementaries.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR : I will do it.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Sir, from whatever the Minister has stated it is clear that according to the recommendations of the third Pay Commission cadre review for all the A, B and C Groups of engineers had to be made every three years, but this was not done. And what is also very clear from the statement is that in the case of group 'A' officers, the Government has already made the cadre review and started implementing the review. But in the case of Groups 'B' and 'C' officers they have not yet made the cadre review. Sir, even this failure on the part of the Government to make the cadre review for Groups 'C' and 'D' in the CPWD has come in for criticism by the Estimates Committee in its report submitted to Parliament in the year 1984. The recommendation of the Estimates Committee was to complete the cadre review within six months from the date of submission of that report. But already another two years have elapsed, and still the Minister says that the cadre review is being made. In the case of

CPWD already the Junior Engineers working for more than 25 years are not getting promotions in spite of the fact that there are certain scopes for promotion, because the cadre review was not done. So, my first supplementary is whether the Govt. is prepared to complete the cadre review, say, within two months, and give the promotion to the CPWD engineers who have put in more than 20 years' service.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR : I entirely agree with whatever you have said in this House. There has been some delay. And I am thankful for this question; this has been brought to my notice. I am trying to see that this is done as quickly as possible—may not be in two months but may be in 4, 5 or 6 months.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : My second supplementary : The Minister has himself admitted that the cadre review was needed and this decision was needed also. But will the Minister kindly state what prevents him from implementing the cadre review as suggested by the Third Pay Commission? And will the Minister state, what steps he has taken since to overcome these impediments?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR : As I said, in the case of Grade 'A' posts we just finalised the matter. ...(*Interrutions*) Yes, I am trying my best to remove the grievances. What is in your mind is also in my mind. I have already asked them that the first priority should have been given to those who are working in the lower grades. Now, anyway, it is my mistake or whatever you may call it. But I am looking into it very seriously, and I assure you that I am keen about it and necessary action will be taken.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : अभी मंत्री महोदय ने यह जवाब दिया कि वह गम्भीरता से इस सवाल पर विचार कर रहे हैं तो मैं समझता हूं कि कम से कम उतनी गम्भीरता नहीं दिखायेंगे जितनी कि पिछले दिनों में दिखाई गई। मैं यह जानना चाहूंगा कि फोर्थ पे-कमीशन की अनुशंसा आने के पूर्व इस काम को कम से कम समाप्त कर लिया जायेगा क्या इसका आश्वासन मंत्री महोदय देंगे ?

श्री अब्दुल गफूर : अभी हम को यह मालूम नहीं है कि फोर्थ पे-कमीशन की रिपोर्ट कब आ रही है। इसलिए जिस तरीके से आपने यह सवाल किया उस तरीके से हम जवाब नहीं दे सकते। हम को खुद टाइम मालूम नहीं। लेकिन हो सकता है कि अगर फोर्थ पे-कमीशन की रिपोर्ट देर से आई तो उसके पहले हम कोशिश कर लेंगे।

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, I am on a question of policy. In our country, we have very competent engineers and technocrats. There is no doubt about that. But one of the problems which we all experience is that our education being very much westernised, our competent technocrats and engineers fail to tackle the problems at the ground level. They are so educated in our Institutes of Technology. We have discovered in West Bengal, for instance, that the Junior Engineers who are diploma holders are quite competent in tackling the problems at the ground level. Therefore, in West Bengal we have increased the promotional avenues to such a large extent that the Junior Engineers are enables to get top positions in their line. Will the hon. Minister consider that apart from the question of promotional avenues, the arrangements are such that even top positions in the C.P.W.D. will be held by these Junior Engineers so that ground level problems are tackled?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR : I am sorry to state that even those Junior Engineers who have got promotion to some particular post cannot do the higher jobs because of higher planning, etc. West Bengal might be doing this. That is why we

see that there is so much of disturbance in that State and the State of affairs that exists in your State... (*Interruptions*) How can a diploma holder be expected to know such intricacies which a degree holder knows about planning, etc.? These are the things. I have taken note in your suggestion. I will find out fro my experts whether we can go to the length where West Bengal has gone.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 3—Hon. Members absent.

Question No. 4—Hcn. Member absent.

*3 [*The questioners (Shri L. Ganesan and Shri V. Gopalsamy) were absent. For answer* vide *Cols.* 35-36 ... infra]

*4. [*The questioner (Shri T. Chandrasekhar Reddy) was absent. For answer* vide *Cols.* 36-37 ... infra]

Telugu-Ganga Project

*5. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:† SHRI B. SATYA-NARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 696 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission have approved the Telugu-Ganga Project;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for delay;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether the work on the project has heen started by the Andhra Pradesh Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has yet to establish the techno-economic viability of the project. The State Government has also to obtain clearance from the environmental angle and under the Forest Conservation Act and resolve the inter-State issues with the Governments of Karnataka and Maharashtra.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The State Government has reported that the construction work on the Project has started.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Minister's reply, to say the least, is evasive He says that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has yet to establish the techno-economic viability of the project and that the State Government has also to obtain clearance from the environmental angle and under the Forest Conservation Act. I would like to ask the Minister what he means by techno-economic viability. Sir, the Government of India has asked various questions and all the objections raised by them have been answered. Not only that, I know for certain that the Government of India has cleared as far as this envionmental and forest angle is concerned. It has been very clearly stated that the forest area which will be submerged under the project has to be compensated by different areas, etc. The only question is about the trees to be grown, etc. This question is quite separate. Otherwise, there is clearance. Therefore, to say that there is yet a clearance to be taken by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from the Government of India regarding the environment and forest angles is evading the answer. Therefore, I would like to ask the Minister to State specifically as to what is techno-economic viabi-

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Prof. C. Lakshmanna.